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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council[1] that were to be considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/58/1).

3. The Third Committee considered the item at its 62nd meeting, on 1 December 2003. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.3/58/SR.62).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council for 2003;[1]

(b) Letter dated 14 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué adopted by the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Chapters of the Group of 77 at their thirty-fourth meeting, held at Geneva on 26 and 27 June 2003 (A/58/204);

(c) Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration adopted by the Fourth Global Forum on Reinventing Government, held at Marrakesh on 11 and 12 December 2002 (A/58/383);

[1] A/58/3 (Part I) and A/58/3 (Part II) and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/58/3/Rev.1).

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(d) Letter dated 1 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the ministerial declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at their twenty-seventh annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 25 September 2003 (A/58/413);

(e) Letter dated 18 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, adopted at the Thirteenth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held on 14 and 15 November 2003 (A/58/607).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005

5. At the 62nd meeting, on 1 December, the Secretary of the Committee introduced and orally revised the note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 (A/C.3/58/L.80).

6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Ethiopia, Italy and Malaysia (see A/C.3/58/SR.62).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work and draft biennial programme of work for 2004-2005, as orally revised (see para. 11, draft decision I).

B. Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. At the 62nd meeting, on 1 December, the representatives of El Salvador and New Zealand made statements (see A/C.3/58/SR.62).

9. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement (see A/C.3/58/SR.62).

10. Also at the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 11, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Third Committee

11. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Organization of the work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005

The General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approves the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of Assembly decision 34/401, on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items of the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed 15 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or a sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the respective legislative mandates of those bodies. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. It is recommended that, where possible, draft resolutions on the status of the treaties not be submitted separately but be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In

alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. In transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the work of the Committee, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Item 3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. International drug control

Item 7. Advancement of women

Item 8. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 11. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 12. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:[1]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

[1] Items 12 and 13 are to be discussed jointly; delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 13. Right of peoples to self-determination[1]

Item 14. Human rights questions:[2,3]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon by the General Assembly in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of proposals and as set out below:[4]

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Annual

[2] Sub-items (a) and (d) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

[3] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

[4] References to "odd years" and "even years" refer to calendar years.

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Biennial

World social situation (odd years) (resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (odd years) (resolution 56/115, para. 16)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations Literacy Decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

International Year of Volunteers (2005) (resolution 57/106)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2007)

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2005)

Item 6
International drug control

Annual

Action by the United Nations system; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in countering the world drug problem; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem and follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 7
Advancement of women

Annual

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Biennial

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2004)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2004)

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (odd years)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (odd years) (resolution 56/134)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2007)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Rights of the child; implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; children in armed conflict; promoting and protecting the rights of children, including children in particularly difficult situations; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Trust Fund in Support of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex))

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on their periodic meetings (even years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character

Right to food

Comprehensive and integral international convention on the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

Biennial

Human rights and cultural diversity (odd years)

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2004) (resolution 57/227)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (resolution 57/213)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2007)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2004-2005

2004

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.3/58/L.9/Rev.1, para. 25)

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (resolution 57/166, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the final preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (A/C.3/58/L.2, para. 7)[5]

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/C.3/58/L.10/Rev.1, para. 19)

[5] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (A/C.3/58/L.3, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention (A/C.3/58/L.4, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/C.3/58/L.6, paras. 20 and 21)[5]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/C.3/58/L.13, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/C.3/58/L.14, para. 24)

Item 6
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem (A/C.3/58/L.15, sect. III, para. 10)

Item 7
Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls (resolution 57/176, paras. 25 and 26)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[5]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 and resolution 56/229, para. 19)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (A/C.3/58/L.19, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.3/58/L.36, para. 7 (b))

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (resolution 57/181, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/C.3/58/L.85, para. 28)[5]

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order (resolution 57/184, para. 9)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/C.3/58/L.39, para. 13, and A/C.3/58/L.41, para. 10)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1, para. 37)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex)[5]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict (A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1, para. 50 (c))

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the United Nations response to the issue of children affected by armed conflict (resolution 57/190) (A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1, para. 48)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the document entitled "A world fit for children" (A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1, para. 50 (a))

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1, para. 50 (b))

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/C.3/58/L.27, para. 10)

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX) and resolution 57/194, sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 57/194, sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 57/194, sect. II, para. 5, and sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the study of the issue of political platforms that promote or incite racial discrimination (A/C.3/58/L.33/Rev.1, para. 14)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/C.3/58/L.34, para. 46)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.3/58/L.34, para. 50)

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.3/58/L.31, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.3/58/L.32, para. 17)

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Reports of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on their periodic meetings (resolution 57/202, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken for the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 57/202, para. 23)

Report of the Committee against Torture (article 24 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 39/46, annex))

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture (A/C.3/58/L.42, para. 32)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/C.3/58/L.45, para. 11)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 57/210, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/C.3/58/L.56, para. 4)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (resolution 57/214, para. 22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 57/215, para. 25)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 57/221, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/C.3/58/L.42, para. 30)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/C.3/58/L.47, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/C.3/58/L.51, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/C.3/58/L.52, para. 30)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/C.3/58/L.77, para. 12)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/C.3/58/L.53, para. 16)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on an in-depth study on all forms of violence against women (A/C.3/58/L.66, para. (e))

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/C.3/58/L.71, para. 12)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights on a study for consideration by States in strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/C.3/58/L.71, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/C.3/58/L.74, para. 27)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (A/C.3/58/L.74, para. 27)

Report of the Secretary-General on support for the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (A/C.3/58/L.78, para. 13)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (A/C.3/58/L.78, para. 13)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food (A/C.3/58/L.70, para. 18)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Missing persons (resolution 57/207, para. 10)

Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 57/211, para. 11)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (resolution 57/213, para. 15)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (resolution 57/227, para. 5)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/C.3/58/L.50, para. 10)

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (A/C.3/58/L.58, para. 15)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (A/C.3/58/L.72, para. 6)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1, para. 7 (b))

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1, para. 10)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

The situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/C.3/58/L.69, para. 5)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of cooperatives in poverty eradication (A/C.3/58/L.7, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/C.3/58/L.8/Rev.1, para. 15)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General, including an evaluation of the implementation since 1995 of the priority areas of youth identified in the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (A/C.3/58/L.11, para. 18)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization providing a global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment (A/C.3/58/L.11, para. 20)

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

[6] The programme of work and documentation for 2005 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2004.

Item 6
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 7
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[5]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/C.3/58/L.20, para. 24)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/C.3/58/L.18, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/C.3/58/L.21/Rev.1, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (resolution 57/179, para. 6)

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (A/C.3/58/L.38, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (A/C.3/58/L.43, para. 13)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 55/80, para. 4 (c) and resolution 56/140, para. 4 (c)) and on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex))

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (A/C.3/58/L.44, para. 31)

Report of the Committee against Torture (article 24 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/C.3/58/L.45, para. 11)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/C.3/58/L.46, para. 15)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (A/C.3/58/L.49, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (A/C.3/58/L.54, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/C.3/58/L.55, para. 22)

Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (A/C.3/58/L.57, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (A/C.3/58/L.61, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious or Linguistic Minorities (A/C.3/58/L.63, para. 17)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (A/C.3/58/L.64, para. 18)

Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all (A/C.3/58/L.76, para. 6)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council).[1]

[1] See A/58/3 (Part I) and A/58/3 (Part II) and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/58/3/Rev.1).